



DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION
BOARD OF NURSING REGISTRATION AND NURSING EDUCATION
3 Capitol Hill, Conference Room 401, Providence, RI 02908

June 13, 2016 @ 8:46 a.m.

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jessica Brier (*left the meeting at 9:30 a.m.*)
Lynn Blanchette
Diane Blier (*joined the meeting at 10:00 a.m.*)
Wendy Chicoine
Maria Ducharme
Kathleen Heren
Karen Matook
Maria Pezzillo
Maria Ross
Betty Sadaniantz

BOARD MEMBER NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Roberta Powell
Joanne Matthew

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Margaret Clifton, Director of Nursing
Colleen McCarthy, Senior Legal Counsel
Julie Sacks, Senior Legal Counsel
Kimberly McNulty, Case Manager

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Anne Tierney, St. Joseph Hospital School of Nurse Anesthesia
Donna Policastro, ANA-RI
Dayle Joseph, NEIT
Catherine Warren, DOA Hearing Officer
Jane Williams, RIC
Mary Barlas, LTI

1) **Establishment of a quorum**

A meeting of the Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education was held on Monday, June 13, 2016 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 401, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. A quorum was established and the Open Session meeting was called to order at 8:46 am.

2) **Presentation of the May 9, 2016 Open Session Meeting Minutes**

The May 9, 2016, minutes were reviewed and it was noted that the spelling was incorrect for Member Wendy Chicoine which will be amended. Motion was made by Joanne Matthew and seconded by Diane Blier to accept the minutes once amended. The Board voted unanimously to approve the amended Open Session minutes. Motion carried.

3) ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT: Jessica Brier: motion made by Betty Sadaniantz seconded by Kathleen Heren

VICE PRESIDENT: Lynn Blanchette: motion made by Kathleen Heren seconded by Jessica Brier

SECRETARY: Betty Sadaniantz: motion made by Jessica Brier seconded by Kathleen Heren

All motions were accepted unanimously by the Board.

4) NURSING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Up-to-Date CME/CE/CPD.

A question was presented to the Board as to whether or not CEUs could be accepted from Up-to-Date CME/CE/CPD (Up-to-Date). The Board discussed the fact that Up-To-Date is a computer program used to gather information at the clinical site. This is a resource-search engine only. Pharmacology sections have been approved for APRNs. However, the Board determined that due to the fact that Up-to-Date is not accredited by the ANCC the CEUs could not be accepted by this Board.

A motion was made by Maria Ducharme and seconded by Maria Ross not to accept continuing education credits from Up-to-Date. All in favor, Motion carried.

- University Dermatology – injection of Lidocaine

University Dermatology has requested the Board reconsider its 2014 decision to not allow RNs/LPNs to inject Lidocaine subcutaneously in preparation for surgery. The Board discussed that Lidocaine is listed as an anesthetic and therefore, its use is not within the scope of practice of the RN/LPN.

Additional discussion ensued over concerns regarding Medical Assistants being trained to administer Lidocaine subcutaneously. However, Medical Assistants are not licensed by this Board and therefore the Board has no jurisdiction over the Medical Assistants duties.

A motion was made by Wendy Chicoine and seconded by Maria Pezzillo to uphold the Board's 2014 decision stating administering Lidocaine subcutaneously is not within the scope of practice for RN/LPNs. All in favor, Motion carried.

- NCLEX-RN Practice Analysis Expert Panel

The NCSBN requests volunteers to serve on the two day panel on November 2-4, 2016 in Chicago, Illinois. Director Clifton asked the Board members to contact her directly if interested in attending.

- NCLEX-RN Knowledge, Skills and Abilities Expert Panel
The NCSBN requests volunteers to serve on the two day panel on December 5-7, 2016 in Chicago, Illinois. Director Clifton asked the Board members to contact her directly if interested in attending.
- NCSBN Annual Meeting
The NCSBN annual meeting will be held in Chicago, Illinois from August 17-19, 2016. Margaret Clifton and Jessica Bier will be attending.
- Enhanced Licensure Compact Training
Director Clifton briefed the Board on the two (2) day training presented by the NCSBN at the Department of Health on the Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact. Thirteen (13) people attended the sessions including two representatives from Massachusetts and one representative from Maine. The training was very informative and many questions were answered related to the new Enhanced Licensure Compact.

5) New Business and Public Comment

- *The Board was asked if registered nurses were allowed to remove staples from a surgical wound. The Board members felt there is nothing to prevent the registered nurse from removing staples.*
- *Donna Policastro, ANA-RI, announced an all-day conference is planned on the substance use epidemic on October 28th from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. The conference will be held at the Providence Marriott and 6.5 contact hours will be awarded.*
- *It was announced that the Rhode Island Middle College had graduated its third class. The students have been accepted at several local colleges.*
- *Mary Barlas announced the Lincoln Technical Institute was waiting for official notification that the nursing program had been accredited.*

6) Motion to adjourn to Closed Session

Motion was made by Kathleen Heren and seconded by Maria Ross to adjourn to Closed Session at 9:45 am. Motion carried. Vice President Blanchette read the following:

Pursuant to Sections § 42-46-4 and § 42-46-5(a)(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for the purpose of discussing job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure. Said individuals have been notified in advance by writing that they may request that the discussion be held at an open meeting.

Pursuant to Sections § 42-46-4 and § 42-46-5(a)(4) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct.

7) Return to Open Session

Motion was made at 1:30 p.m. by Joanne Matthews and seconded by Kathleen Heren to re-open the Open Session and to seal the Minutes of the Closed Session pursuant to Sections 42-46-4, 42-46-5 and 42-46-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws. Motion carried.

8) Final Actions on all votes taken in Closed Session

The Board proposed action on nine (9) cases.

9) Adjournment

The next Board of Nursing Registration and Nursing Education meeting will be held Monday, July 11, 2016 at 8:45 am at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 401, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. Motion was made at 1:35 p.m. by Maria Pezzillo and seconded by Betty Sadaniantz to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kimberly McNulty
Case Manager*

*Margaret Clifton, RN-BC, MS, CLNC
Director, Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education*